Rise in realty sector

2109. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the realty sector was estimated at $ 12 billion and was stated to be growing at 30 per cent annually;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last year and the present year as on date;

(c) whether Government are proposing to institute a $ 1.5 billion fund for 60 cities to encourage the States to take up urban development reform measures like repeal of the Urban Land Ceiling Act; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Planning Commission has informed that as per the information available from the National Accounts Statistics, 2005, the rate of growth of Real Estates Sector at (constant prices) was 6.8 per cent during 2003-04 over the previous years.

(c) and (d) The Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) alongwith two omnibus schemes *viz.* Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) and Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) has been launched by the Prime Minister on 03-12-2005 which provides for Rs. 50,000 crores Central Government outlay for a period of seven years beginning from 2005-06. The JNNURM will cover 63 cities comprising all those with population exceeding one million, State capitals and other cities of religious/historic and tourist importance. The Central assistance is lined to implementation of identified reforms by State Governments/Urban Local Bodies/para-statal agencies. "Repeal of Urban Land Ceiling and Regulation Act" is one of the reform areas.

Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act

2110. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of implementation/enforcement of the Employment of manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act 1993, in the country, as a whole, with State-wise break up;

(b) the details of the instructions issued for strict enforcement of the said Act in the States;